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IMPLANTABLE JOINT PROSTHESIS

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which (check one)



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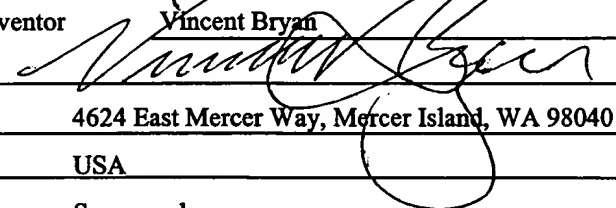


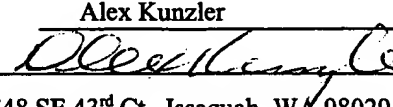
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